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Utilities	Location	Description	Link
Avista's COVID-19 Response	Spokane County	Avista knows a growing number of our customers are hurting and struggling to make ends meet. We are here for you and want to support you. If you find yourself facing financial hardships, please give us a call at 1-800-227-9187. Governor Inslee has issued Proclamation 20-23, pertaining to Utility Ratepayer Assistance and Preservation of Essential Services. Avista is committed to keeping our customers connected to essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. If you are experiencing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for support, including long-term payment arrangements or bill assistance. This Proclamation does not relieve customers from the obligation to pay for utility services.	https://myavista.com/safety/covi d-19-response
Public Works & Utilities	City of Spokane	Small Business Hardship Utility Bill Assistance - To help minimize financial impacts caused by COVID-19 for our business utility customers the City of Spokane is offering extended repayment options. 2020 Minimum Eligibility Requirements: 1) You are the business owner of record. 2) Your business is licensed in Spokane County. 3) You are a City of Spokane Utility Customer. 4)Your business employs less than 100 staff. 5) All requests must be in writing. Complete an online application.	https://my.spokanecity.org/publicworks/utility-billing/small-business-hardship/
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U.S. Small Business Administration: Small Business Economic Injury Disaster Loans	National	Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. These low-interest disaster loans can help small businesses meet financial obligations and cover operating expenses. Criteria: Credit history, history of repayment, etc.	https://www.sba.gov/funding- programs/disaster-assistance



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The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act *as of 4/23/20	National	Congress has passed a roughly \$2 trillion coronavirus response bill intended to speed relief across the American economy. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act is the third aid package from Congress and is meant to keep businesses and individuals afloat during an unprecedented freeze on our economy. The SBA has been given 15 days since the signing of the act (3/27) to determine guidelines on how SBA lenders, states and municipalities can administer these products. Our current guidance from the SBA is for business owners to move forward with the existing SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan if they are already pursuing that option. To prepare yourself for what you are eligible for, please see the US Chamber of Commerce's Conornavirus Emergency Loans Small Business Guide and Checklist.	https://www.uschamber.com/site s/default/files/023595_comm_co rona_virus_smallbiz_loan_final. pdf
Paycheck Protection Loan Program #2	National	The Paycheck Protection Program prioritizes millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to \$349 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses. Small businesses and eligible nonprofit organizations, Veterans organizations, and Tribal businesses described in the Small Business Act, as well as individuals who are self-employed or are independent contractors are eligible if they also meet program size standards. Criteria: Small businesses with 500 or fewer employees. Forgiveness based on the employer maintaining employees or quickly rehiring employees and maintaining salary levels.	https://www.sba.gov/funding- programs/loans/coronavirus- relief-options/paycheck- protection-program
Communities Rise COVID-19 Small Business and Nonprofit Legal Clinic	Washington	Communities Rise is organizing COVID-19 legal clinics for Washington State entrepreneurs, small businesses, community organizations, and nonprofits who have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. You will be able to access free legal advice during a 45-minute remote consultation with a volunteer attorney. Criteria: Washington state entrepreneurs, small businesses, community organizations, and nonprofits	https://communities- rise.org/covid-19- resources/legal-inquiry/
Working Washington Small Businessses Emergency Grants	Washington	Governor Jay Inslee is offering a new Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant program to assist small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. Up to \$5 million in funds are provided through the Governor's Strategic Reserve Fund and administered by the State Department of Commerce. The grant program will provide a limited number of businesses in Washington's 39 counties with a grant up to \$10,000. Criteria: In business for at least 1 year and have 10 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees.	http://startup.choosewashington state.com/covid-grants/



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COVID-19 Relief Fund for WA Undocumented Folks	Washington	Our undocumented community is one of the most vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic in Washington State. We seek to provide direct economic support to our undocumented community during the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order. Join us today to ensure that we are able to collectively reach our goal of \$200,000 to support a minimum of 200 families. 100% of donations will go directly to families in need. Criteria: Undocumented Communities.	https://www.scholarshipjunkies.org/relief
Washington State DSHS Disaster Cash Assistance Program (DCAP)	Washington	The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services is administering the Disaster Cash Assistance Program (DCAP) in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DCAP is designed to provide emergency assistance with natural disasters in mind, like wildfires and flooding and is now available due to the COVID-19 pandemic. DCAP is available for one month, in a 12-month period, to all Washington families and individuals, who meet income and resource rules and who are not eligible other cash programs. Criteria: Washington state resident	https://www.washingtonconnection.org/home/
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Spokane Regional Health District	Spokane County	COVID-19 case information for Spokane County is updated Monday through Friday. New case information reported on Saturdays and Sundays is included in Monday's reporting. For a complete overview of Spokane County COVID-19 data, visit the COVID-19 Spokane County Case Data page. Posters Signs and Fact sheets are provided in Arabic, English, Marshallese, Spanish and Russian	https://srhd.org/covid19
Greater Spokane Emergency Management	Spokane County	The Inland Covid-19 Response Emergency coordination Center provides Jurisdiction and Transportation Information, Business and Financial Resourcesand Local Information and Resources	https://www.spokanecounty.org/ 4572/COVID-19
InlandBIZStrong	Inland NW	Is your inland northwest business suffering due to COVID-19? Our entire community is making extraordinary sacrifices to protect the most vulnerable among us. We want to do everything we can as local business advocates to ensure easy access to the resources your business needs at this difficult time. Please fill out our anonymous questionnaire and we will get you to the resources that your business' unique circumstances warrant.	https://inlandbizstrong.org/
Greater Spokane Inc.	Spokane County	Local and State Business Resources - Covid-19	https://greaterspokane.org/covid- 19-resources/
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Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC)	Washington	WA's SBDC has several resources and webinars to help businesses navigate COVID-19. The information below is provided for your consideration and should be evaluated carefully. As local, state and federal agencies continue to roll out new assistance programs, your best course of action may change.	https://wsbdc.org/protect-your- business/
Governor Jay Inslee's Office	Washington	On May 1, Governor Jay Inslee rolled out Washington's 4-part "Safe Start" plan, which will allow businesses to gradually reopen while keeping the health and safety of employees and patrons at the forefront. This link will guide you to the COVID-19 business resource page from Governor Inslee's website. There you can find links and other resources that his office is highlighting to assist Washington businesses.	https://www.governor.wa.gov/iss ues/issues/covid-19- resources/covid-19-resources- businesses-and-workers
One America	Washington	We've compiled a list of resources in Washington State (some in multiple languages) to ensure everyone in our communities are able to receive the care and necessities they need. Resources translated into multiple languages: Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, Tagalog, French, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Marshallese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Thai and Vietnamese.	https://weareoneamerica.org/20 20/03/23/covid-19-coronavirus- resources-for-immigrants- recursos-para-inmigrantes/
Crowd-sourced document for WA resources	Washington	This is a crowd-sourced google doc of federal, state, county, and city resources to address the impacts of COVID-19.	https://docs.google.com/spreads heets/d/1FmWvZT9wcp5qJZ57I Vvj6ZyKqufi2dzCBLV40mQ1uA A/edit#gid=0
Washington State Essential Businesses	Washington	Governor Inslee issued an Executive Order directing all residents immediately to heed current State public health directives to stay home, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors designated as critical to protect the health and well-being of all Washingtonians. In accordance with this order, the Governor has designated the following list of "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers" to help state, local, tribal, and industry partners as they work to protect communities while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security.	https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what s-open-and-closed/essential- business
Small Business Guidance: COVID-19 Business Resources for Washington State	Washington	Resource page put together by the Washington State's Small Business Guidance agency. This page provides links to State and Local resources, Federal and Nonprofits.	https://www.business.wa.gov/sit e/alias_business/resources-for- wa-state-businessesworkers- impacted-by-covid- 19/1561/default.aspx



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WA State Department of Financial Institutions	Washington	The Washington State Department of Financial Institutions has developed a list of financial resources for Washington consumers impacted by the Coronavirus.	https://dfi.wa.gov/coronavirus- financial-resources
Washington State Department Of Enterprise Services: For Manufacturers/Distri butors Of Essential Products	Washington	The Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES) is prioritizing and organizing procurement of essential products in coordination with the Governor's Office. More specifically, specific infection-control products and other health care supplies identified in the link above are needed immediately and in the foreseeable future. The State is able to buy these products with a purchasing card or purchase order. Impact Washington, a State-funded technical assistance provider, is working with DES by interfacing and coordinating with manufacturers/distributors.	https://makeittacoma.com/wp- content/uploads/2020/03/PPE.p df
Department of Ecology COVID-19 Dangerous Waste Compliance	Washington	We recognize that disruptions related to the COVID-19 outbreak may temporarily affect your ability to comply with all dangerous waste requirements. All applicable state requirements remain in effect, but we will exercise reasonable discretion within our authority when deciding whether to pursue potential violations that may be linked to the current COVID-19 pandemic.	https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste- Toxics/Business-waste/Manage- your-waste/covid-19-dw- compliance
State Benefits for Employers	Washington	The Washington State Employment Security Department has programs designed to help individuals and employers impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. They have an easy-to-read comparison guide listing some of the most common scenarios that may occur and benefits that may apply.	-
Employment Security Department of Washington State	Washington	Employment Security has programs designed to help individuals and employers during this unprecedented time. If you are affected by COVID-19, Employment Security has programs that may be able to help. We have adopted a series of emergency rules to relieve the burden of temporary layoffs, isolation and quarantine for workers and businesses. This easy-to-read comparison guide lists some of the most common scenarios that may occur and benefits that may apply. This resource features information on: planning for Coronavirus, SharedWork is a smart alternative to a layoff, placing an employee on standby.	https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/co vid-19

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Washington State Department of Revenue: Business Relief	Washington	Revenue is taking the following measures during the state of emergency to provide relief to all COVID-19 impacted businesses. These actions are in effect during the state of emergency (February 29, 2020, through the end of the state of emergency, yet to be determined). This action addresses a broad range of taxes: business and occupation tax, real estate excise tax assessments, leasehold excise tax, forest tax, and other taxes administered by the Department including tax deferrals for biotechnology and medical device manufacturing.	https://dor.wa.gov/about/busines s-relief-during-covid-19- pandemic
Washington State Department of Labor	Washington	Novel Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-19) Resources. The Washington State Department of Labor has put together resources and guidelines for businesses regarding L&I, Paid Sick Leave, Workers' Compensation, and Workplace Saftey and Health.	https://www.lni.wa.gov/agency/o utreach/novel-coronavirus- outbreak-covid-19- resources?utm_medium=email& utm_source=govdelivery
Washington Small Business Development Center Business Resiliency Toolkit	Washington	The Washington Small Business Development Center (WSBDC) Business Resiliency Toolkit is to be used in conjunction with the Washington SBDC Small Business Resiliency Guide.	https://wsbdc.org/protect-your- business/business-resiliency/
Washington State Employment Security Department Paid Family and Medical Leave Program	Washington	ESD's Paid Family and Medical Leave program can provide paid leave benefits for Washington workers who need to take time off from work due to a serious health condition or to care for a family member with a serious health condition. Certification by a healthcare provider is required for applications for Paid Family and Medical Leave due to a serious health condition	https://paidleave.wa.gov/employ ers/

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Latino Commmunity Fund: COVID-19 Resources in Spanish	Washington	Reconocemos que con la situación de COVID-19 en constante cambio en todo el mundo, este es un momento sin precedentes para todos, un momento que, para muchos, está lleno de incertidumbre. Nuestros corazones y pensamientos están con todos y cada uno de ustedes. Queremos que sepa que, como una organización, sigue siendo nuestra prioridad defender y apoyar a la comunidad latina en el estado de Washington y brindar información sobre esta situación y también ofrecerle los recursos disponibles para nuestra comunidad. A medida que continuamos siguiendo varias fuentes de información y continuamos ajustando nuestro trabajo y nuestra vida cotidiana, queremos tomar el tiempo para compartir con ustedes cómo el Latino Community Fund y su personal está respondiendo y trabajando para proveer algunos recursos.	https://www.latinocommunityfund.org/covid_19_resources
Resources in Indigenous Languages: Provided by Comunidades Indigenas en Liderazgo (CIELO)	Washington	Information and list of resources about COVID-19 in mulitple Indigenous languages.	https://docs.google.com/docume nt/u/2/d/1HMRXQ0pAY9- o62C3uPPDckHmVpunz31zsPh WE_hsMno/mobilebasic
Washington Tourism Alliance	Washington	Washington Tourism Alliance set up a new platform to support small businesses that are tourism-dependent. Support your favorite Washington small businesses and their employees during the COVID-19 crisis by purchasing a gift certificate online or over the phone.	https://showwalove.com/
AWB Rebound and Recovery in Washnington	Washington	<b>Rebound</b> - Here to help Washington employers reopen their doors. Find the guidance and resources you need to prepare your workplace and safely welcome back employees and customers. <b>Recovery</b> - Here to help Washington's economy recover. By working with state and federal officials, industry leaders, and local chamber leaders, AWB serves as a unifying voice for rebuilding Washington's economy and bringing economic prosperity to every part of the state.	https://www.reboundandrecover y.org/ https://www.reboundandrecover y.org/business-tool-kit/
WA State Coronavirus Response	Washington	Safe Start Pland and Guidance for Reopening - Guidance Documents for Employers	https://coronavirus.wa.gov/infor mation-for/business